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Stuff-A-Backpack Project

BVI's missionary story, *Forever Changed by the Book*, teaches about the Bible translation work of Wycliffe missionary Jo Shetler among the Balangao in the Philippines. Each summer, Balangao believers load up backpacks with Bible-teaching books, supplies and food and go out in mission teams throughout their country to conduct Daily Vacation Bible Schools.

In July Patti personally presented a check to Jo Shetler, that had been received from the Lancaster Evangelical Free Church.

We received news from Jo that this year

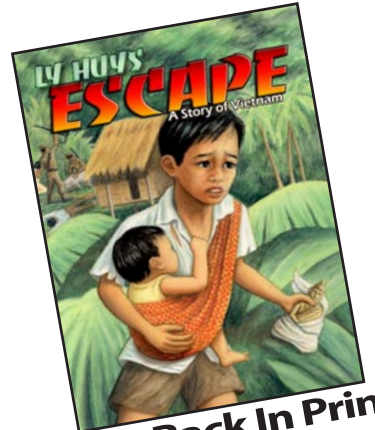


112 nationals were trained, who in turn taught 1,009 students, and that there were at least 22 first time decisions for Christ!

Forever Changed provides an opportunity for children to assist these nationals through the Stuff-a-Backpack Project. This year, the following individuals and churches raised over \$1,775:

- Calvary Church, Santa Ana, CA
- Dry Run Christian Church, Ft Valley, VA
- Rebekah Garner, Gay, GA
- Lake Point Community Church, Plymouth, MI
- Lancaster Evangelical Free Church, Lititz, PA
- Joanna Manwiller, Anchorage, AK

Isn't it exciting to know that our materials have helped link churches in the United States with these dedicated Balangao believers as they spread the Gospel in the Philippines?



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2007 Annual Missions Banquet

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No, you didn't miss the BVI Annual Missions Banquet this year. With the reorganization of the ministry, we did not have adequate staffing to facilitate this annual event. In its place we have scheduled two Dining For Books events at two local restaurants: Isaac's and Hoss's. These two restaurants will donate 25% of each guest check to the BVI ministry.

Monies raised through Dining for Books will be used to print four of our newly colorized and still out of print volumes:

- Secret in the Woods*
- God Will Take Care of You*
- A Miracle For Samuelito*
- New Testament 2*
- Satan and His Demons*

Please note that we will need to raise \$8,150 to print all four titles, but will only print those titles for which we have received funds.

If you did not receive a Dining for Books letter, you may use the response form included with this mailing to send a tax-deductible gift to BVI. You may wish to give a gift in Memory or In Honor of an individual. Please specify on the response form which title you wish to support as well as the person you choose to memorialize or honor. This information will be placed in a prominent place in the teaching text.



In Memory of . . .

I was privileged to know Mary Jane Musser from my early days in BVI. She had a servant heart, a warm smile, and a gentle word for everyone. Mary Jane worked for CEF of Eastern PA before joining BVI in the 70's.

Before the days of the computer, Mary Jane laboriously typed and corrected addresses on mimeograph stencils which she then stacked in an ancient addressograph machine before printing addresses on BVI mailing pieces. Maintaining BVI's database was not a high profile job, but a necessary one, and one which Mary Jane performed diligently as unto the Lord until her husband retired from PPL Utilities and she then retired from BVI in the 80's.

Karen E Weitzel, Former BVI Executive Director

Pray for safety for those involved in the Farsi translation project.

God's Perfect Timing

Our eight-year-old network server all but went into a catatonic trance in June due to a series of upgrades which download automatically from Microsoft. It miraculously held onto its last sputtering, dying circuit until the new server was installed. Mark (shown right with the new unit), our IT Department Manager, praises the Lord for the smoothest switchover he had ever supervised. The network was down for only half a day.



Even more miraculous was that (1) the new system cost half what was originally estimated due to smart shopping and BVI's eligibility for charitable organization pricing, and (2) we had sufficient funds on hand to pay for it! A former volunteer had passed away, and specified that in lieu of flowers, gifts should be given to BVI's new equipment fund! God timed the homegoing of Mary Jane Musser (see left) and the generosity of her friends and family to coincide with the death throes of our system. Jehovah Jireh!

The following gave \$1165 in Memory of Mary Jane Musser

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| Anonymous | Richard Kilts |
| Sally Bair | Charles & Kathleen Knight |
| Mary Ann Brubaker | Martha & Mary Longenecker |
| Larry & Patricia Feirick | Frederick & Cora Lowery |
| Dale & Gwyn Fulmer | Brenda Ranck |
| Stan & Nancy Geesey | Jean & Earl Ressler |
| Nancy Hauenstein | Frances Weber |
| Winifred Johns | St Paul's EC Church |
| Samuel & Cynthia Kilts | |

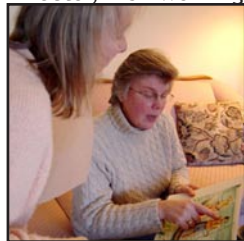


A word from Patti:

Thank you for your prayers. Please pray for wisdom as I oversee the office, supervise the volunteers, serve as a liaison between the Board Management Committee and the office staff, and try to get some typesetting done. My current support level is at 48%.

GOD'S TRAIL

The manuscript for the story and the life-application activities have been written and are awaiting a final edit and typesetting. Karen Weitzel, BVI's former Executive Director, is working closely with artist



Debby Saint (Steve Saint's cousin), who will illustrate the story. Debby plans to dedicate blocks of time to this on Tuesdays and Saturdays this fall. Please pray for her!

Story co-writers Dr Elaine Huber and Bryan Willoughby, along with Yuko and Patti had the chance to meet briefly with Steve and Ginny Saint during a Wycliffe event in Smoketown, PA. It was exciting to show them some of Debby's 'rough' sketches. We also had the opportunity to see him demonstrate the technique his dad used when first contacting the Waodani tribe in Ecuador.



Praise the Lord that funding was available to pay the writers and is on hand to pay for Debby's work. Still needed:

- \$1,000 for Tyndale Copyright
- \$8,000 for printing

Ukraine Missions Trip

Mike Battaglia, BVI Board President, and fellow board member Jean Keiser had the opportunity to serve on a short term missions trip to Ukraine: doing VBS, construction, English classes, and women's programs at the Big Valley Church near Odessa. They were excited to find BVI's scripturally sound materials in the church's resource library that our good friend Daniel Terenko had printed.



With the help of a translator, Jean taught *Forever Changed by the Book*. One girl said how much she liked the story and that she hoped to become a missionary just like Jo Shetler! She could even recite the story from memory!

A word from Yuko

Bryan and I were married at Good Shepherd Chapel at Lancaster Bible College on July 14th. My parents came from Japan for the wedding. It was the very first time for my father to visit America. Dr. Richard Fairman

married us and we exchanged our wedding vows in Japanese!



Bryan and I went out West for our honeymoon. We saw the Grand Canyon, visited friends in Utah, and stayed with Bryan's relatives in Colorado and Phoenix. We hope to visit Japan next fall. It will be Bryan's first time to go to Japan. Please pray as we seek God's will for our life.

Although it was busy with the wedding, settling down to an apartment with Bryan, and moving downstairs at Bible Visuals, it has been a joy to face the new challenge with my husband and with my co-workers. When I came back from my honeymoon, Patti and Melody welcomed me with a new name plate "Yuko Willoughby" which was such a sweet surprise. I have been colorizing Secret in the Woods, sending out e-mail ads, answering the phone and pulling and packing orders. Please pray as I contact a local church about the possibility of supporting me. My current level is 13%

We have not had many invitations to do children's meetings of late, but God gave me the opportunity to present the gospel to Japanese high school boys through American Home Life last month. It was a blessing to communicate God's message in my own language.

A word from Melody

Wow! The past few months just seemed to fly by as there was so much going on. We had a good response to our sales flyer which kept us busy through July and August. Patti, Yuko and I were also busy getting the offices in the lower level into working order. We have our shipping area set up and have almost gotten the warehouse completely organized. We are quite cozy in our little cubicles.



Thank you for your prayer support. We have seen God working here at BVI. He has been providing for our weekly needs and has given us the strength to keep things going. Please pray for us as we raise our personal support. I am currently at 13% of my support. It was a little low lately as we were working extra hours because of the move downstairs. We hope to return to a 40 hour work week next year, but we will first need to see an increase in our support levels.

I have felt God pruning me in my spiritual life this year with individual and family trials. I hope that this will produce much fruit for Him. Please pray that I will be able to stay strong and healthy to be there for my family and for Patti and Yuko. Please pray that I will have time to handle the various correspondence with customers and folks working on translation projects.

BVI Prayer Card Reminder

Why not cut this out & place in your Bible?

Sunday

- Remember the ministries of those using BVI materials today.
- Pray for the health needs of staff, Board and volunteers.

Monday

- Pray for Melody as she processes orders from over the weekend.
- Pray for wisdom for Mark to keep the computer network running efficiently.
- Pray for Yuko who creates and sends our email ads.

Tuesday

- Pray for Debbie Saint, as she illustrates *Walking God's Trail*.
- Pray for Yuko, Melody and Patti as they work on colorizing and typesetting out-of-print materials.

Wednesday

- Pray for Patti as she coordinates volunteer projects.
- Pray for excellent response to the Dining for Books appeal.
- Pray for opportunities for the staff to present their needs to potential supporters
- Pray for the annual audit/review which will begin late October.

Thursday

- Pray for safe delivery of materials shipped out on Tuesdays and Thursdays.
- Praise: for smooth relocation to the lower level and set up of office and shipping areas.

Friday

- Pray for wisdom in developing promotional strategies.
- Pray for discernment for the Board as they make decisions regarding BVI ministry.

Saturday

- Pray for safety for those working on the Farsi translation project.
- Praise: two BVI stories are currently being translated into Korean.
- Praise: for complete sets of the Visualized Bible sent overseas this summer.

Urgent request:

Due to a significant increase in our hospitalization premium, each staff member's monthly support need has increased by \$169.00.

Enclosed is my/our gift of \$500 \$250 \$100 \$50 \$25 Other

Please use my/our gift to:

- help with BVI's ministry expenses where needed most
- support _____ (staff member's name)

help print _____ (title) My gift is in honor memory of _____ (name)

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Card # _____ Expiration Date ____/____/____

Please send me information on Electronic Funds Transfer.

Please send me information on using PayPal.

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Address _____

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Phone (____) _____ Email _____